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To the P U B L I C.

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 S I am answerable for the Lives of His Majesty's Subjects, who have, or shall, put themselves under my Care; I am under the Necessity of re-publishing and confirming the following Cases, in Support of my injured Reputation;—bidding Defiance to the Malevolent and Invidious to *produce* ONE INSTANCE of any Person afflicted with the GOUT, in the Head, Stomach, Lungs, &c. simple, or combined with other Diseases, in its most hopeless Condition or Stage, that hath died under my Care, for Seventeen Years last past:—Consequently, the Success which has attended my Endeavours to serve the Public, for the Five Years I have been detained in *London*, (on very important Concerns relative to me in *America*) is an incontestible Proof of the Insufficiency of any Charge to the Contrary, and a firm Basis for the Establishment of my Character in the World.

As the little Tract* I published on the Gout and Rheumatism, and the gross Misrepresentation of it by those *assuming* and *self-sufficient* Judges of literary Merit, the *Critical Reviewers*, have excited the Attention of the Public, I think proper to present them, in one View, with the Papers that have been published in Confirmation

* Observations on the GOUT and RHEUMATISM, &c. printed for E. COOKE, at the Royal Exchange; MILLAN, Charing Cross; and ALMON, Piccadilly.

firmation of what I had advanced with regard to the curing or relieving those Disorders. — Whoever offers any thing new to the Consideration of the Public, should endeavour to remove all Doubts and Difficulties that may arise concerning the Utility of his Discovery ; and if he be a Person of Humanity and Candour, or one who is convinced of the Merits of his Pretensions, he will readily enter into the most minute Discussion of them. — It was only with a View to prevent the Public from being prejudiced by the dogmatical Assertions of the Reviewers, and to enable them to judge for themselves, that I submitted to set the malevolent Efforts of those insolent Pretenders to Criticism in their proper Light ; and it is with the same Design that I am now induced to bestow a few Moments on this Publication. Prejudices, like some Poisons, often spring from the lowest Reptiles, operate insensibly, gradually rise into Strength, and prove destructive before we are aware of the Danger : We cannot, therefore, be too early in our Endeavours to retard their Progress, nor too liberal in administering Antidotes, from Time to Time, to counteract and destroy their baneful Effects. The World has been deprived for Years of most valuable Discoveries and Improvements, by the Malice, Envy, Selfishness, or some such groveling Passions of narrow Minds. For my own Part, I profess the greatest Candour : I pretend to have it in my Power to relieve my fellow Creatures in Diseases that have hitherto been deemed incurable ; I have produced such Instances in Proof of it, as have gained the Attention of the Public ; and I am ready to make any Trials that may be thought necessary to give them full Satisfaction. I require nothing but an impartial Examination into Facts, that will alone justify my Assertions : I request, therefore, only the Candour of the Public : I want no Favour ; let my Pretensions be weighed in a Balance, and rise or fall by their own Merit. The Cases contained in the Pamphlet of Cures wrought in *America*, are sufficient to support me in what I have advanced, and to acquit me of the least Vanity : They are too well known to several Gentlemen

tlemen of indisputable Credit and Veracity in this Metropolis, to admit of Doubt; and were they even destitute of that strong Evidence in their Favour, the Instances I can produce of Persons who have lately taken the Medicines with extraordinary Success in *London*, are not only a sufficient Confirmation of them, but such irrefragable Proofs of the Efficacy and Utility of the Medicines, as give us room to think they will prove of greater Benefit to Mankind, than the most powerful Remedies which have been discovered within these two Centuries.

The following Papers were printed in the *Gazetteer*, and I think it best to insert them in their original Dress.

To the PRINTER of the GAZETTEER.

THE injurious Account which the *Critical Reviewers* have given of the Pamphlet I published some Time ago on the Gout and Rheumatism, induces me to send you the inclosed Paper, in order to undeceive the Public; and as it is a Matter in which the Welfare of the Community is interested, as well as the Credit of an Individual who wishes to deserve well of his fellow Citizens, I flatter myself you will readily give it a Place in the *Gazetteer*.

I am, Sir, your very humble Servant,

Gracechurch-Street, July 5, 1766. HENRY FLOWER.

UPON the slightest Survey of human Nature, we meet with too much Reason to pity the Weaknesses, censure the Vices, and laugh at the Follies of Mankind. But there is nothing more ridiculous, extravagant, and even wicked, than that Vanity and Littleness of Mind, which urge some Men to endeavour to suppress many things that not only tend to the general Good of the Community, of which they are Members; but which, in a more extensive View, may be said to be essentially
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necessary to the Welfare of the whole human Race. Without Health, every other Blessing the bountiful Hand of Providence bestows upon us, is insipid and imperfect. The greatest Miseries we endure, the greatest Unhappiness we meet with, arise in general from the Diseases and Pains annexed to our frail Condition ; which Consideration alone must induce each benevolent Breast to listen with Candour and Tenderneſs, and even with Satisfaction and Joy, to every new Attempt that seems calculated to alleviate the Infirmities of Mankind.

I was led into these Reflections by seeing the Account which the Critical Reviewers have given of my Pamphlet on the Gout and Rheumatism. Instead of meeting with a Detail of its Contents, or with candid Reasoning upon the Subjects of it ; those Persons, without condeſcending to assign *any one* Reason for their Opinion, have boldly pronounced it to be “ A mere Quack Advertisement, calculated to persuade the credulous World, “ that the Author is possessed of certain Specifics for “ the Disorders mentioned in the Title : ” — An Insinuation so injurious to me, so repugnant to Truth, so dictatorially pronounced, I own struck me with Astonishment and Concern. It excited, however, more Pity than Resentment ; and, therefore, as I felt no Inclination to expose the Malignity of their Hearts, and their Injustice to me, I should have suffered them to pass in Silence, did I not think it a Duty incumbent on me to shew the Injury they do the Community ; and to undeceive the Public in a Point of such material and general Concern.

The Idea People commonly entertain of Quackery is, that it is a down-right Imposition on the Public, by endeavouring to persuade them that a Person can cure Diseases which he is unable to do. I would now ask the Reviewers, what there is in the Pamphlet that could induce them to consider me in the infamous Light of an Impostor ? — No Medicines are advertised ; the Cures related are very striking and uncommon, but they are told with the greatest Candour ; nor was there any room

to doubt of their Authenticity, as it was particularly mentioned that there were several Gentlemen in *London* to whom they were well known : One very remarkable Instance (*Capt. Bayard*) was on the Spot, and it was also mentioned where he was to be seen. Instead of concealing my Practice, I invited the Faculty to examine my Patients before I began with them, to visit them during the Operation of the Medicines, and to see the Event. Did this favour of the Quack ? Was this like an Impostor endeavouring to impose on the credulous World ? In what Respects was I deficient in Candour ? or, in what Respects could I have been more ingenuous ? The great Efficacy of my Medicines, and the Success of my Practice, needed no mean Artifices to recommend them ; and, therefore, it would have been the Height of Imprudence, as well as Meanness, to have used such base Expedients. It may, indeed, be said, that I did not divulge the Medicines ; but That will not amount to Quackery, or constitute an Attempt to impose on the credulous World : I am persuaded every rational Man will think some Benefit, some Emolument, ought to accrue to the Individual, who hath been so fortunate as to fall upon a Discovery, which will be productive of Ease and Happiness to Millions.

The arbitrary Decision and cruel Insinuation of the Reviewers will, I imagine, sufficiently appear from what I have already said ; in order, however, to give the Public the fullest Satisfaction, I beg Leave to add the following Cases ; for though Reasoning may admit of Quibbling, Facts are indisputable Arguments.

Capt. Samuel Bayard, aged 60, about 23 Years ago was attacked with the Gout, and from that Time, till he applied to me, commonly had a Fit once a Year, or thereabouts. During the Fit he not only had violent Pains in all his Limbs, but in his Stomach and Bowels. The Fits seldom went off in less than six Weeks, but in general they continued two or three Months : He always lived high and free. From the
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very first Fit his Feet and Hands never recovered their natural Feeling, but were dry, hard, and scaly, with great Heat in them ; and this, as well in the Intervals between the Fits, as in the Fit itself. His Knees and Ancles at last were enlarged, his Feet and Toes always swelled, and all those Joints were so weak and stiff that he could scarce move them ; walking (as he expressed it himself) as if he had no Joints, or as if his Legs and Feet were made of Wood. His Wrists, Hands, and Fingers, were not quite so bad, though in a similar Condition, his Fingers particularly being so stiff that he could not by any Means extend them out strait, nor bend them without Difficulty : All this while he was much troubled with the Gravel, and passed several small Stones. When he applied to me in *January*, 1760, he was in the Height of a Fit : The first Night I did nothing, the second I gave him some Medicines ; the Day following he was free of Pain, and in a few Days more he began to walk about the Room. By continuing the Medicines a Fortnight, his Feet and Hands began to regain their natural Feeling ; the Hardness, Heat, and Dryness going off ; and in about six Weeks or two Months his Limbs and Joints became so pliant, that he walked with as much Ease as before he had the Gout. He went on, however, taking the Medicines, &c. several Weeks longer. Since that Time he has felt so little of the Gravel, that, as he says, it was not worth Notice. Two Years after this Course for the Gout, he had a slight Touch of the Gravel, and being costive, took an opening Medicine when he went to Bed, and drank some warm Whey after it : But contrary to my Directions, to take it upon an empty Stomach ; he made a very hearty Supper, which, with the Medicine and the Whey disagreeing with his Stomach and Bowels, occasioned it to work sooner than was intended : He fell into a Sweat, and the Medicine beginning to operate downwards, he very imprudently got up, with the Sweat upon him, and went to a Necessary in the Yard. The Night was very cold and wet ; he was suddenly struck with a Palsy of all the Left Side of his

his Body ; for five or six Days he had violent Pains in that Side, but none in the other : The whole Side gradually withered, and became emaciated. He was confined to his Bed for some Weeks ; the withered Parts at last began to recover their Plumpness and Strength ; and, with my best Endeavours, it was about three Months before he regained his Strength, and walked with his usual Firmness. From that Time to the present he has enjoyed perfect Health, and the free Use of his Limbs. He is now as well as any Man of his Years. His Hands have their natural Feeling, his Feet perspire freely, his Joints are of their natural Size, he has had no Pain in his Stomach or Bowels, his Appetite is good, and he sleeps well. He has had nothing of the Gout since I first took him in Hand, till within these six Months, that he has once or twice felt slight Twitchings in his Feet, but they went off directly with a copious Perspiration on the Parts.

I *Samuel Bayard*, now in *London*, having read the above Account, declare it to be true in every Particular, and am ready, if required, to attest the same ; and that several other Gouty Persons, whom I am well acquainted with, have received great Benefit from Mr. *Flower*.

I have a Letter by me, dated *December 8, 1770*, wherein he mentions his perfect Health, Activity of Body and Mind. His elder Brother was seized with an Apoplexy and universal Palsy ; and by an injudicious Treatment at first, has been confined to his Bed many Years. His Sister died of an Apoplexy, and so did his Mother, if I am rightly informed.

Mrs. *Browne*, Wife of the Reverend Mr. *Moses Browne*, Chaplain of *Morden College, Blackheath*, and Vicar of *Olney, Bucks*, aged 47 Years, was attacked with the Gout about ten Years ago, and has had several Returns of it since that Time : The Disorder was in general very vague and irregular, affecting the Head, Stomach, Bowels, Sides and Limbs, without coming to a regular Fit ; for several Weeks before I saw her, she had been troubled

troubled with violent Pains in the Head, for which Blisters and many internal Remedies were used in vain ; her Stomach and Bowels were also much affected ; she had lost her Appetite, was afflicted with many Hysterical Complaints, and her Sleep, which was not refreshing, was disturbed with frightful Dreams : The Violence of the Pain in the Head threw her into profuse Sweats, which, instead of alleviating her Misery, only wasted her Flesh and Strength, and exhausted her Spirits. In this Situation she was confined to her Chamber and Bed : I began to give her Medicines the 20th Instant ; in a few Hours from the first Dose, the Head-Ach was carried entirely off, and in two Days Time by a punctual Continuance of the Remedies, she got rid of all her Complaints : The third Day she was able to take a Turn or two in the Garden, her Complexion, Strength, Spirits and Appetite daily improved, her Sleep became tranquil and refreshing, and she is now in perfect Ease and Health.

Mr. *George Honnor*, in *Montague Close, Southwark*, has been subject to the Gout about Twenty-five Years ; he has also suffered greatly from the Stone and Gravel ; he has been a Cripple in his Feet for some Years : For two or three Years, and especially in *December* last, his Stomach, Bowels, Head and Loins were severely afflicted with the Disorder ; his Appetite was not only gone, but he had the greatest Aversion to Food, and could scarce bear the Sight of Meat ; he had frequent Pains in the Bowels, and a constant one across the Loins : In ten Days after he became my Patient, his Stomach and Bowels were perfectly easy ; he voided a few small Stones, and the Pain in his Loins went off : He is now very little troubled with Wind, he eats hearty and with a good Appetite, his Food sits easy on his Stomach, the Pains in the Loins are entirely gone, and he sleeps easy and well.

N. B. Since publishing the above, Mr. *Honor* has voided many Fragments of Stone and great Quantities of Sand.

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*Curs'd be the Heart that never learn'd to glow
At other's Joys, or weep at other's Woe.*

POPE.

Mr. Norris, aged Forty-five Years, for fifteen Years past, has been troubled with the Gout, more or less, every Year; the Fits usually continued six Weeks or longer; his Joints at length began to suffer from the repeated Attacks of the Disorder: Two Years and a Half ago he caught Cold, during the Fit, and from that Time till he applied to me, has been never free of the Gout, but almost continually harrassed with violent Pains in the Stomach, Bowels, and Limbs. His Appetite failed, he was greatly troubled with Wind in the Stomach and Bowels, his Digestion was bad, his Legs were swelled, his Knees were contracted, his Ancles swelled, and one of them was as immoveable as if there was no Joint. Besides this, his Spirits were languid and oppressed, his Complexion was pale and bloated, his Feet always dry, and so cold, that he often scorched them before the Fire, without being able to bring a comfortable Warmth into them: It is now about four Weeks since I took him in Hand; the Pains in his Stomach, Bowels, and Limbs, are all gone; his Appetite and Digestion are good, he sleeps well, his Feet have always a kindly Warmth in them, and perspire freely; he has recovered a great Degree of Motion in the Ankle, which had been so long stiff and useless, is now lively and chearful, and walks with greater Ease and Strength. He is to be met with at Mr. *Widowson's*, in *Little Trinity Lane, Queenhithe*.

To the PRINTER of the GAZETTEER.

WHEN a Person offers any thing to the Public that promises general Utility, those who have made Trial, and experienced its Advantage or Disadvantage, ought in Justice to the Community, as well as to the Author, to lay a candid and open Account of it before them. In this View I consider the *American Medicine* for the Gout, which Mr. *Flower* has discovered, and has made some Observations on in his *Pamphlet on the Gout,*

C Rheumatism,

Rheumatism, &c. And as the Relation he published in your Gazetteer of the 11th Instant, of my Wife's Illness, and Cure, is so extraordinary, that it may be thought to be exaggerated, I think it my Duty to let the Public be acquainted from me, that every Part of it is strictly true; and may add, Mr. *Flower's* Modesty has prevented him doing full Justice to his Medicines, by not sufficiently relating the very distressful Situation she was in. I can certainly affirm we had been in Despair of her Life for some Time; and yet, in three Hours after the first Dose, she was perfectly cured of the violent Pains in her Head, and greatly relieved in all other Respects. The Alteration, so great and sudden, amazed me; and I was no less surprized to see a hard Lump, or Knot, which had been for a considerable while formed on her Wrist, in three or four times taking the Medicine, entirely disappear; and she sensibly felt them operate round the Swelling, and dissolve it.

It will be expected, and I hope readily believed, from a Man of my public Character and Profession, nothing besides a Regard to Truth, with what is due from me to Justice and Gratitude, and a benevolent Regard for the Welfare of Mankind, could have induced me to let my Name appear upon this Occasion, which I willingly offer, that there might be no Room to doubt of the Fact, and prevent the Distressed from using the Means of Relief; and, I am persuaded the same Motive will incline you to insert it in your Paper.

*Morden College, Blackheath,
July 14, 1766.*

MOSES BROWNE.

To the PRINTER of the GAZETTEER.

AS several Persons who have applied to me since Mr. *Flower* published, in the Gazetteer of the 11th Instant, an Account of my Indisposition, and of the Benefit I received from his American Medicines, were apprehensive that the Facts were not fairly related, because the Case was not signed by me, I think it necessary, in Justice to Mr. *Flower*, and for the Satisfaction of those who may be inclined to apply to him, to declare the Truth in the
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most public Manner under my own Hand ; and I do therefore beg Leave, through the Channel of your Paper, to inform the Public, that every Particular which Mr. *Flower* has mentioned is strictly true. I am now, by his Means, restored to a better State of Health than I have enjoyed for three Years past, or than I am convinced, from the Insufficiency of the Medicines I have tried, I should have ever obtained without his Assistance : My Head, Stomach, and Bowels, are perfectly free of the Gout ; I walk better than I have done for three Years ; I have perfectly regained my Appetite. In a few Hours after the first Dose of this Medicine, a generous Warmth spread through my whole Body ; my Feet and Legs, which had been cold for more than three Years, became warm and perspiring ; and these happy Effects still continue. One of my Ancles, which had been immoveable for three Years, has gradually recovered some Degree of Motion ; and I can move as free as ever one of my little Fingers, which had been stiff, and surrounded with a thick gouty Swelling for many Months, and the Swelling itself is almost gone. I have the more readily sent you this Account, that others, who labour under this cruel Distemper, may, by applying to this Gentleman, find the same Relief I have done.

I am, Sir, your humble Servant,

Trinity-Lane, July 22, 1766.

J. NORRIS.

To the PRINTER of the GAZETTEER.

I Esteem it an Act of Justice due to the Public, as well as to Mr. *Flower*, to confirm the Account he published of my Indisposition, and the Benefit I have received from his Medicines ; what he has related is true in every Respect ; therefore I beg for the Sake of those afflicted with the same Complaints, that you will give this Declaration a Place in your Paper. I am, Sir,

*Montague Close, Southwark,
July 26, 1766.*

Your very humble Servant,

GEORGE HONNOR.

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The polite and generous Manner in which these Gentlemen have confirmed the Accounts I have published, command my most grateful Thanks ; for though I am sensible they were principally influenced to do it from a Sense of Duty to the Public, and Benevolence to Mankind, I am also sensible of their good Will towards myself. I could now, were I not afraid to offend, acknowledge with Pleasure the Candour of some Gentlemen of the Faculty, who, with a Nobleness of Spirit, and Goodness of Heart, that do Honour to their Abilities, generously confessed the Efficacy of my Medicines, and rejoiced in the Discovery. These Medicines are prepared from American Vegetables, and I unite them in different Proportions with the Medicines in common Use, according to the Circumstances of the Case. I could mention some other Instances of their Success, which I purposely omit, because these are sufficient to confirm what I have advanced of them in the Pamphlet. When I talk of the Efficacy of my Medicines in other Disorders besides the Gout and Rheumatism, I do not mean the specific Medicines for the Gout, but others of much Efficacy and more general Use, which I administer with great Success in many Chronic Diseases.

To the P U B L I C.

JUSTICE, and Obligations to Truth and Gratitude demand of me a Vindication, indisputably in my Power, of the hitherto unequalled Abilities of Mr. H. FLOWER, (No. 32, *Wood-Street, Cheapside*) in his certain Cure of the Gout, in the worst and most hopeless Cases ; which have been artfully, and with iniquitous Design, misrepresented ; to impose upon the Public, and do Hurt to a Man of the most real conspicuous Merit, and most liberal Heart, and of exceeding Moderation and Generosity with respect to his Fees. In all which he has been basely traduced, to injure his private Interests, and Capacity of extraordinary Usefulness to Numbers of pained diseased Individuals, not only in the above-mentioned, but various common, and even desperate Distempers.

pers. For the *first* I refer any doubting Reader to the surprizing Narrative given with my Name, and my Letter to the Gazetteer (both published in a Pamphlet for Cook, *Royal Exchange*, viz. *Observations on the Gout*) for incontestible Proof, and most known and evident Fact. And I can add *now*, the Experience of *above four Years*, in all which the Party there instanced has remained perfectly well, without *any one* Return and Fit of the Gout. I have also seen, and have before me, (so late as *March 10th, 1770*) a Letter of Mr. *Samuel Bayard*, of *New-York*, (whose very singular Case and Cure is mentioned in the 14th Page of the above Pamphlet) wherein he writes, *I have not had the least Symptom of any Gout since Mr. Flower relieved me.* Can more be wanted of Proof and Confirmation, evident and disinterested as these? To which I pledge my Veracity and Character. The Pleas set out in the Beginning have been my sole and honourable, equitable Motive, and a Care to undeceive and serve the Public.

Morden College, Blackbeath,
Feb. 9, 1771.

MOSES BROWNE.

As to the late Mr. *Honnor*, after I had cured him of various Disorders, he removed to *Lewisham* in *Kent*; where he died under the Care of three Gentlemen of the Faculty. And as a Confirmation of my real Services to the said Gentleman, before his retiring into the Country, be it known, that his Widow genteelly made me a Compliment of a Mourning Ring, valued at thirty Guineas; who is at this Time so fully convinced of my Abilities in treating the Gout, that being frequently afflicted with sad Paroxysms in the Stomach, she follows my Directions entirely under this her unhappy Complaint. I cannot here omit to mention, such was her Husband's extraordinary, complicated, dangerous State, that it was impossible for any Judgment or Skill to have wrought his Cure, as I providentially did, of the various Disorders he was afflicted with, without her unwearied Diligence, good nursing, very tender Care, and constant Attendance upon him.

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Mr. NORRIS's CASE.

As to this good Man, whose extreme distressed Circumstances, bodily Pain, and Uneasiness of Mind, would move the most flinty Heart to Commiseration and Pity : His removing so far from Town has prevented my compleating his Cure ; but one of his Letters I now present to the Public, that they may judge from his own grateful Testimony of what Service I have been to him ; being well disposed to Acts of Humanity and Candour, where Sicknes resides without Fortune.

My Worthy FRIEND,

AFTER returning you my most sincere Thanks for the last Pills you was so kind to send me, I have the Pleasure with this to acquaint you with the good Success they have had on me : I am now, by the Blessing of God on your Endeavours, once more able to crawl about my Room again : My Hand, which was so very bad, is almost well, my Appetite is returned, and I sleep as well as usual : The worst Part of me is my Knees, which are very stiff, weak and sore on the Cap of them ; I have been advised to rub them with Goose Grease, or Bear's Fat mixed with some Oils, which I am informed has done sometimes great Service in my Case. However, I don't care to do any thing of this Kind, without your Advice, which I hope you'll be so kind as to give me ; the Pills operated this Time by Urine, which I have made plentifully : What convinces me more and more of the Efficacy of your Medicine is, that since I first began to take it, I have had no new Swelling or Stiffness remain after the Fit has left me. I must now most humbly intreat you for a further Supply of Pills ; for though I have lately only taken two every Night, my Stock is quite exhausted. You are sensible, my dear Sir, that it is not in my Power to make you any Recompence adequate to the Humanity and Generosity you have always treated me with. I have nothing to offer but my Prayers and
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best Wishes for your Health, and that you may have Success in all your Undertakings.

I am, with the greatest Regard,

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Nov. 21, 1768.

T. NORRIS.

At Mrs. ELPHICK's, in East-Lane, Greenwich.

* * * Pray are Water-Cresses good in my Case.

The CASE of ROBERT SHAFTOE, Esq.

As this Gentleman's Case has been much talked of, I take the Liberty to insert it, for the Consideration of the candid Public.

I ROBERT SHAFTOE, aged 60 Years, having been afflicted with an hereditary Gout 28 Years, my Joints at length became stiff and immoveable : Oily Applications removed the Stiffness : I then was afflicted with vague Pains constantly, of the Gouty Kind, in the Hips, Loins, and Left Side, so as to confine me frequently for an Hour or Two, so that I could neither stir nor speak. Regular Fits I had once or twice a Year. From the Year 1765 I was subject to much Wind, Retching, Loss of Appetite, Heaviness, Dejection of Spirits, and the Strangury. In the Year 1768 I was seized with a violent Strangury, total Loss of Appetite, fruitless Retchings, increasing with continual vague Gout, until *March*, 1769, so that I could not for these last twelve Months sit at Table without the most disagreeable Sensations : The same became fixed to the Right Side of the Head ; it swelled so that I could not bear the Light, the Anguish and Pains became intolerable ; it was called a St. Anthony's Fire, Erisipelas, &c. Various Means were tried by the Gentlemen that attended me, and at length I was blistered, but to no Effect : Then I was given over as incurable, and pronounced to be a dying Man. Subsequent to these Matters, being informed of Mr. *Flower*, I sent for him, and in four Days he freed me from all my Pains, which diminished

minished insensibly ; my Spirits, Appetite, and Strength, were recovered in a few Days more. I continued in perfect Health until the End of *July*, when I was caught in a violent Shower of Rain, which affected my Right Side with a Sensation like a Palsy : Mr. *Flower* gave me a Pill, and informed me as that Side had suffered so much from the Gout, he should be glad to see the Leg swell, and ordered me to live freely ; the Leg swelled to an enormous Size, became black and hard, frequently had great Heats and Smarting, until the Pains became excessive ; the Blackness spread every Way, so that a Mortification was apprehended by all who saw me. Mr. *Flower* informed me I must submit to a Course of Medicines proper for my Case, or the Leg must be scarified, which I objected to : He said it was a scorbutic Gout, or Gout and Scurvy mixed, and gave me his Antiscorbutic American Drops ; at Times he joined his Gout Medicines, and in three Months I got rid of all my Complaints, the Leg being restored to a sound State.

ROBERT SHAFTOE.

Since which Time he has enjoyed perfect Health, except a few slight Fits of the Gout in his Feet, which soon went off.

N. B. This Gentleman's Father died of the Gout,

As it would be endless to relate all the various and numerous Cases that have fallen under my Care, I shall not trouble the Public with any more tedious Instances of Cures ; but only beg Leave to refer them briefly to the following Persons of Reputation, Integrity and Honour, who have been happily relieved by me, and can bear Testimony of some very extraordinary Cases.

The Testimony of the Reverend Dr. BAYLY, Sub-dean of His Majesty's Chapel Royal.

IN Conjunction with the Reverend Mr. *Browne*, and others, who have happily been relieved by Mr. *Flower's* great Skill and wonderful Abilities in Physic ; I do desire

to bear Testimony of his extraordinary Success, in curing Disorders deemed incurable, in others, and in myself labouring under a Complaint, which in all Probably would soon have been fatal without his Prescription.

Feb. 16, 1771.

ANSELM BAYLY.

Any Person desirous of further Proofs, may call on me in *James-Street, Westminster.*

DEAR SIR,

THE many Instances of Cure which have fallen under my Knowledge, plainly demonstrate your happy Genius in Physic, and extraordinary Success in curing the Gout, and other Disorders very afflictive to human Nature: My own Experience of your Humanity, together with your medical Skill, engages me to return you my most grateful Acknowledgments thereof; and to declare, in Opposition to all Malevolence and Detraction, the great Opinion I have of both the Goodness of your Heart in relieving the Indigent, and your unwearied Diligence and expensive Processes in Chymistry, to remove the Complaints of the Rich and Great. Wishing you continued Success, and the just Recompence of your Merit, I beg Leave to subscribe myself,

Dear S I R,

Your most obliged humble Servant,

Feb. 12, 1771.

J. COOKSON.

N. B. The above Gentleman is Minister of *Shoreditch*, and Chaplain to the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, and the *London Lying-in Hospital.*

The Rev. Mr. *Finch*, of *Guy's Hospital*, &c. refer'd to for a Proof of the Service I was of to the late Mr. *Honnor.*

William Symonson, Esq. *Lambeth Palace*, for his own Case, and a confirmation of Mr. *Shaftoe's*, as by this Gentleman's Means Mr. *Shaftoe* became my Patient.

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Messrs. *Hanson, Clark, and Co. Miles-Lane, Cannon-Street.* These Gentlemen being of indisputable Veracity, and intimately acquainted with the late Mr. *Honnor*, I refer to them for the Services I was of to him, and for the Cure of two young Gentlemen afflicted with the Gout, complicated with other Disorders, at their House.

Captain *Evans*, of his Majesty's Navy, relieved of the Gout; and after the expelling of some Stones, Sand and Gravel, restored to perfect Health, in 1766, which he continues to enjoy.

Mr. *Joseph Freeman*, *Devonshire Square*, cured of a suppressed Gout, and other Disorders, in 1766, aged now 70: I expelled such Worms, which I have a Sample of, that the like cannot be produced to come from the human Body.

The Case of Mr. *Whishaw*, an Attorney, in *Brunswick-Row, Queen's-Square, Bloomsbury*, or in *Staple's Inn, Holborn*; he became my Patient on conversing with Mr. *Rice*, who informed him what Services I had been of to him.

Sir *Harry Tempest*, Bart. in *James-Street, Westminster.*
Henry Playford, Esq. *Stoke Newington.*

Mr. *Pryor*, *Moor-fields.*

Mr. *Joseph Mayo*, Jeweller, *Craven-Street, Strand*, for further confirmation of Mr. *Shaftoe's* singular Case.

Mr. *Daniel Williams*, Train-Bearer to his Grace the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, for his Cure, and a confirmation of Mr. *Shaftoe's*.

James Biddle, Chinaman, *Whitechapel*, Gout in the Stomach, Stone, &c. cured of the Gout, grew healthy and strong, and after some Time the Stone broke and came away.

Robert Radcliffe, Esq. late of *Hommerton, Hackney*, for the extraordinary Cure of his Wife, who, with her Aunt and Cousin, can inform the fair Sex of the Greatness of the Cure, and my Skill in treating female Complaints; as I gave them Directions as to the Manner, and of the Nature of the Medicines necessary to be administered, in case of future Indisposition.

Mrs. *West*, of *Mitcham* in *Surry*, aged now 55, was afflicted with a Palsy on one side the Face; the Eye greatly

greatly injured, a fixed Pain in the Head of many Years standing, which had greatly emaciated her, with various other Complaints; she had been for Years blister'd, and cold Water poured on her Head, and her Legs ordered to be put into warm Water at the same Time. These, with all other Means made Use of by the Gentlemen who attended her, proved ineffectual: I perfectly cured and restored her to sound Health, in the Year 1766.

Mrs. Kerby, *Ratcliff-Highway*, a very near Relation to the late Mrs. *Whitefield*, by whose Recommendation she became my Patient, for her own Cure of an inveterate Scurvy in the Hands, of 12 Years standing, injuring the very Bones, Cartilages and Tendons, and so painful for several Years, that she could not bear them under the Bed-Cloaths; and for confirmation of my recovering Mrs. *Whitefield* from the last Stages of an ardent Fever, when having the Rattles and delirious, and thought expiring.

N. B. I did not attend the said Mrs. *Whitefield* in her last Illness.

Mrs. *Holden*, an aged Lady, thought to be dying, at *Tooting* in *Surry*, when her Daughter sent me a Letter, desiring my immediate Attendance, was restored to Health in 1767. — She now lives in *Duke-Street, Westminster*; where any Person may be informed of a curious Case of her Maid Servant being cured in a short Time of a Black Jaundice.

Mr. *Wright*, Jeweller, *Hatton-Garden*, his Wife's Case.

Mr. *Stringer*, *Gough-Square*, the amazing Cure of his Wife, who has since borne a Child, enjoying perfect Health.

P. S. Any Person desirous of further Information as to these Matters, may call upon me at No. 32, *Wood-Street, Cheapside*; where the most scrupulous may be satisfy'd as to the Reality of my curing, or relieving the Gout, and other Disorders, deemed incurable. — My Hours at Home are from Twelve to Two, *Sundays* and *Wednesdays* excepted.

* * I make not the least Doubt, but the Physician, to whom I communicated many of my Discoveries and

Improvements, will give the Public the same Satisfaction I have done, as to the Persons that have fallen under his Care.

As various Reports have been propagated, without any just Foundation, relating to my Terms of Attendance, I beg Leave to remove all Doubts of Extortion and Imposition, by publishing what follows:

TERMS of ATTENDANCE.

Hitherto I have relied upon the generous Gratitude of the Persons under my Care; but now I expect the usual Fees of those who can afford them every Visit.

I expect that such as God has been pleased to bless with Affluence, will make me some Compliment for my Medicines, that I may be the better enabled to relieve the Distresses of those in narrow Circumstances.

As I am but an Instrument under the DIVINE WILL, I cannot presume to promise any Person that the Disorder shall never return again: But, for my Credit's Sake, I shall at all Times endeavour to the utmost of my Power, to cure or relieve my Patients, and restore Health, as the Nature of their Disease or Constitution will admit: And those Cases that will not admit of a speedy Cure, I attend by the Year, agreeably to People's Circumstances.

It is an invariable Rule with me, that if malevolent or idle People shall at any Time make my Patients Minds uneasy, and they in consequence thereof do not take my Medicines as ordered, I refuse their Fees, and visit them no more, unless they will promise chearfully and implicitly to follow my Directions in all Respects.

N. B. If these Testimonies are not thought sufficient to establish a just and laudable Character, I have additional and peculiar Proofs to advance, of base and sinister Practices of some of the Faculty, which will reflect Honour on myself, in Spight of their Envy, Malice and Combination.

A P P E N D I X.

I Thought the before mentioned Case of Mr. *Honnor*, with his Letter and the References, would have been sufficient to stop the Mouths of the most Malevolent; but find myself under the disagreeable Necessity of adding the following Particulars; leaving the Candid and Impartial to judge of the Cause of Mr. *Honnor's* Death.

He had a total Palsy of the Right Side; I gave him the Medicines proper in such Cases; he quickly recover'd his Speech, and the free Use of his Hand, so as to write, and keep his Accounts: These Medicines, being continued, threw out an Eruption on his Right Leg, and its Swelling was carried off: He was not confined to his Bed one Day under this Complaint, but followed his Business as usual.

Large craggy Pieces of Stones in passing had much injured the Kidney, Bladder, and Urinary Passages: At Times large Membranes also passed, with Stones adhering, which we concluded to be the Cists or Bags that contained them. I have some of the largest of these by me, with some Pieces of Stones.

He felt an extraordinary Sensation in the Stomach and Heart, which latter palpitated most violently; as he expressed it, his Stomach was drawn down *oval*; and his Heart opened and shut to an astonishing Degree.

I gave him a Pill; in a few Minutes his Stomach and Heart became free and easy; he took some Nourishment, and slept well, breathing freely: A Fistula in Ano, which he had been cut for upwards of twenty Years before, discharged a prodigious Quantity of laudable Pus; and Pus also passed by Urine at Times.

He afterwards told me, he was very sure the Fistula communicated with the Kidney, which he thought at this Time to be much hurt, or destroyed by the Stone.

The Bladder and Urinary Passages, being so greatly injured by these craggy Stones, caused an Hernia Humoralis and Hydrocele, which he was thoroughly convinced to be his Disease, by reading a Treatise writ by Mr. POTT on those Complaints; in consequence of
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which he sent his Nephew to Mr. COWELL, an eminent Surgeon, who was then at *Tooting*.

Happening to make him a Visit at this Time, I informed him, upon hearing his Complaints, that I had relieved many Persons troubled with such Disorders, even of some Years standing ; he then requested me to relieve him in this Dilemma, which accordingly I did, by proper Fomentations and internal Medicines, as he dreaded all Operations of Surgery : Being thus relieved, he shortly after went into the Country to celebrate a Friend's Birth-Day, where his Complaints returned upon him : Upon his coming to Town, I was sent for, and seeing his Condition, ordered him immediately to his Bed, and directed Fomentations, Poultice, and internal Medicines. He had however, unknown to me, taken the Opinion of a Gentleman, eminent in Physic ; who approved of my Method of Treatment, but was afraid he could not obtain a Cure, as his Constitution was so much impaired or injured by the Gout and Stone. However, by his continuing the above Method, he at length was compleatly cured, all the Stones being expelled, the Bladder, and the Urinary Passages restored to a sound State, performing to Admiration their several Functions, as in former Health. In confirmation of these Facts, I refer to great Numbers of his Acquaintance, to whom he has related the above Particulars, with no small Satisfaction.

After his Recovery, he proposed removing into *Yorkshire* ; but altered his Mind, and went to *Lewisham* in *Kent*.

In *November* 1768, he had a slight Touch of the Gout in his little Finger, but it soon went off.

About the Middle of *March*, 1769, he was obliged to attend a cold wet Dye-house, from which he had removed for some Time ; I there found him measuring the pernicious Solution of Tin in Aqua Fortis, &c. his Partner, Mr. *Graham*, being at this Time greatly indisposed : Mr. *Honnor* grew uneasy, in doing what he had not been accustomed to ; and neglecting my Advice, he was shortly indisposed in the same Manner as Mr. *Graham* was, in his Bowels, namely, with a Costiveness : To be relieved of which he applied to an Apothecary at *Lewisham* ; and was

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Henry Flower,
London, Throgmorton-street, No. 35.

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Sir I close this to tell you or what I intend
to do injustice to my Character if you continue
to defame me in private & send the persons to
serve as I will Publish the whole of your Conduct to
me in this manner —

was afterwards prevailed on by his Friends to take a Medicine from a Surgeon, in order to create him an Appetite.

The Rev. Mr. *Finch*, a Gentleman of undoubted Veracity, informed me, that he himself had been indisposed by sitting with Mr. *Honnor* at the End of the Canal in his Garden, and that he thought it very improper for Mr. *Honnor*, in his infirm State, at that Season of the Year, to be in such a Place ; and for confirmation that it was not on a Complaint of the Gout, he applied to the Surgeon. I refer to the Rev. *Moses Browne* ; who asked Mr. *Honnor* some Time before his Death, how he came to leave Mr. *Flower*, who had done him such signal Service, as had been acknowledged repeatedly by himself and Friends.

Mr. *Honnor* had been afflicted with a Disorder in his Joints, when a Youth ; and one Eye was much injured by the Gout. His Motto on his Chariot was, *I cannot walk*, which was altered after I had cured the Swellings on his Knees. To what a Degree he was afflicted with the Gout, &c I must refer the candid Reader to his Friends and Acquaintance, who were well acquainted with his Complaints, and the Services I did him.

June 17, 1769, Capt. *Samuel Davis*, Nephew to Mr. *Honnor*, informed me, that his Uncle had like to have died of Pains in his Breast, for which he had been repeatedly blooded, and once in the Night ; his Legs, which used frequently to swell at Night, had suddenly subsided ; he was tortured with Pains, and the Urine separated no Sediment ; the Medicines he had taken from the Surgeon passing off by the Bowels, gave him at least four Motions a Day.

On the 25th I went to see Mr. *Honnor* at *Lewisham*, for I had a great Regard for him : He was the first Patient that applied to me for Advice in *London*, after his conversing with Capt. *Samuel Bayard* ; to whom he wrote a very short Time before his Death, inquiring if his Friend *Bayard* had any Returns of the Gout, and how he lived ; the Answer, however, was received after Mr. *Honnor's* Death, and is at this Time in the Hands of the Rev. *Moses Browne*, of *Morden College*.

Mr. *Hönnor* moreover acquainted me, that by the Advice of his Friends, he had for some Time past taken a Medicine from a Surgeon, to force a Sediment by Urine, that it purged him many Times a Day ; and at last, upon his attempting to ride on Horseback, burst the Bowel into the Scrotum ; the Pains of which were so exquisite, that he told me, he should (he believed) have died on the Spot, had he not burst into a Flood of Tears.

The Surgeon, however, said it was no Rupture. Mr. *Hönnor* then applied to a Gentleman near the *Asylum*, who took upon him to pronounce it a Rupture, and accordingly gave him a Truss, &c. From this Time Mr. *Hönnor* went through a severe Discipline of Blistering, until a Tumour was formed on his Back, tending to a Mortification ; and, after immoderate Bleedings, Physickings, and Anodynes, departed this Life, as before recited.

My Reasons for refusing to visit Mr. *Hönnor*, when at last he sent for me, are these : He had declared publickly, and privately to me, that he would not follow the Advice or Direction of any other Person, while he could have mine, as no Man whatever had been of any real Service to him in the Gout, but myself ; although some improper Liberties had been taken with his Name.

I well knew, from his repeatedly losing Blood, &c. that its Texture was broken, and past Recovery ; and had often declared against such a Procedure, both to himself and Friends, while it was recoverable.

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